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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: MULTILATERAL INFORMATION ON COLOMBIA

REF: A STATE 159747, B 76 STATE 37591

1. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE EMBASSY'S REPLY (76 BOGOTA 2126) REMAINS ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED. THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS, WHICH SUPPLEMENT OUR EARLIER RESPONSE, ARE KEYED TO PARA 7A, REF B.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS LEARNED RECENTLY FROM FONOFF SOURCES CLOSE TO FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO THAT HE HAS DECIDED TO SEEK THE PRESIDENCY OF THE 33RD UNGA (1978 SESSION). ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, BRAZIL HAS ENCOURAGED LIEVANO IN THIS REGARD AND HAS PROMISED ITS SUPPORT. OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING COSTA RICA, CHILE AND PANAMA, ARE ALSO BELIEVED BY THE FONOFF TO BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT LIEVANO'S CANDIDACY. THE COLOMBIANS REGARD THE MEXICAN FOREIGN MINISTER AS LIEVANO'S PRINCIPAL RIVAL FOR THIS POSITION, WHICH IN 1978 IS DUE TO BE OCCUPIED BY A LATIN AMERICAN CANDIDATE. COMPETITION OVER THE UNGA PRESIDENCY WOULD TEND TO STRENGTHEN COLOMBIA'S EXISTING
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TENDENCY TO VOTE WITH THE MAJORITY AND TO AVOID TAKING SIDES ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES.

3. AT THE GRENADA OASGA LIEVANO INTRODUCED A HUMAN RIGHTS PROPOSAL OF HIS OWN WHICH UNDERMINED THE U.S. PROPOSAL BY INCLUDING A CALL FOR A LOME TYPE PREFERENTIAL TRADING BLOC FOR THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. THIS CONCEPT IS A PET THEME OF

LIEVANO'S AND HE MAY WISH TO LAUNCH IT AGAIN IN OTHER FORUMS
AS PART OF HUMAN RIGHTS OR OTHER PROPOSALS.

4. THE COLOMBIANS HAVE TAKEN CONSIDERABLE PRIDE OF AUTHORSHIP
IN THE CONCEPT OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER ORBITAL SPACE
SEGMENTS FOR WHICH THEY HAVE ASSIDUOUSLY SOUGHT ACCEPTANCE
OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS. FONOFF OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US
INFORMALLY THAT, DURING THE 32ND UNGA, COLOMBIA AND OTHER
EQUATORIAL COUNTRIES WILL ATTEMPT TO GAIN AN INCREASE IN THE
SIZE OF THE UN OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE AND THAT COLOMBIA HOPES
TO BECOME A MEMBER.

5. MLO IS POLITICAL COUNSELOR DONALD A JOHNSTON.
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